

AzATA Board of Directors Meeting
October 4, 2008 Conference Call 10:00am

- I. Establish a quorum
 - A. Board members in attendance: Chris White, President; Becky Notestine, Vice President; Sharon McLaughlin, Secretary; Scott Horton, Treasurer; Matt Anderson, Clinical/Professional Representative; Gregg Schroeder, College and University Representative; JD Burgess, High School Representative
 - B. Others in attendance: Rick Ball, Legal Counsel
 - C. Quorum established with 7 in attendance.
- II. Welcome
 - A. Chris welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order at 1:04pm.
- III. Committee Updates
 - A. Scott touched base with Jeff as far as Honors and Awards. They don't have much going on until awards for winter meeting. They are working on getting Ian his plaque for serving as the PEC chair.
 - B. Sponsorship, Chris has been looking to try to find someone. Has spoken to Ryan Wolff and suggested that he talk to Scott and Jackie Kingma. There is a lot that needs to be handled soon primarily associated with raffle. Chris will touch base with him tomorrow and will have him forward on a resume so that we can vote him into the position.
 - i. Rick notes that John Parsons talked with Bart Anderson. Chris notes that he'll be taking over as Association Publisher so not sure if he would be a good person to take over the committee but maybe could help out and would be a good resource in helping reach sponsors since he used to work in the clinic setting.
 - C. Matt notes there is nothing urgent with GAC at this time, but they are working on getting members involved in campaigns gearing up toward the November election.
 - D. Gregg will talk to Eric about getting him some help and someone else involved on the committee. Chris notes that Eric should be involved in the job placement website. Gregg notes that AIA have job postings on their website as well. JD is working on getting a link out from their site to ours so that athletic trainers are sent to our information. Point of emphasis for our February meeting will be to let members know about our job placement site.
 - E. P&P will begin strategizing to create a message to use for March AT month and sunset/sunrise legislation
 - i. JD suggests that Sharon have Mark contact the heat ATC at Prescott HS. He was the ATC at Dodgers who may be someone to get involved. Rick notes that his presence at the Prescott HS could be a good news piece.
 - F. Sharon will get a CV from Bart so that we can vote him in to take over as Association Publisher from Tamara.
- IV. Treasurer's Report (Scott)
 - A. Chris would like a spreadsheet of current budget information and expenses for the year sent to all board members so that they can share that information with their committee liaisons.
 - B. Investment status
 - i. Account is under what we put into it because of the current state of the market. We will wait and see how things change over the next 60 days. Scott will get an online account so that he can keep a closer eye on the change.
 - ii. Since we do not need the money at this moment we will leave it in the account and hope that it recovers some before we need it.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Winter Meeting Status (Scott / Becky)
 - i. Chris checked into Xavier prep as an alternative venue for that weekend and it is not available that weekend
 - ii. At this time Airport Hilton is the best proposal that we have gotten.

- iii. Matt notes that some venues downtown might be a good option, but Rick suggests that it is unlikely that we will be able to get any good deals downtown in February.
 - iv. Discussion of the change in format, in terms of length of time and breakout sessions making the planning logistics more difficult.
 - v. Becky notes that the PEC is having a meeting on 10/12 to finalize breakouts, speakers etc.
 - vi. Scott suggests that someone from Meeting and Events will need to go and check out the Airport Hilton.
 - vii. Securing a site we can afford is our top priority (ideally within the next two weeks) and PEC may need to adapt their schedule to fit into what we can access and afford.
 - viii. Matt offers to help go and look at facilities and help M&E finalize their location. He will coordinate with Missy.
 - ix. Rick suggests we consider looking at venue availability for the weekend before the Super Bowl and the two weeks after if we cannot get a good deal on the weekend that we have been planning on.
 - x. He also suggests that we consider the Crowne Plaza again for this year. It was not ideal to have lunch outside, but in the absence of other affordable options we should consider it.
 - xi. Scott notes another consideration is that the RMATA AV equipment may be shifting up to Denver as they have someone up there to operate it. This will most likely not happen until after our meeting, but will be a consideration going forward.
- B. High School Task Force Initiative (JD)
- i. Task force member recruiting
 - 1. Just missing representation from Scottsdale district, otherwise all districts are represented.
 - 2. Early next week they will start getting information on job description and salary ranges from every district. This will be pretty solidified in the next 4 or so weeks.
 - 3. Then they will start working with P&P to make this information known.
 - ii. Using NATA appropriate medical coverage recommendations
 - 1. Chris suggests they make a goal of having an employment model developed for the February meeting.
- C. Delforge Scholarship Endowment (Chris)
- i. Proposal for the district in terms of how the district will match funds and donations.
 - ii. Chris notes that we should emphasize that if members are donating to the foundation that they have the money earmarked for the Delforge fund.
- D. Summer Meeting Plan (Becky / Scott)
- i. Meeting on 10/12 and will be primarily working on solidifying the winter meeting. Jeff wants to know if there are any meeting topics that the board suggests. Some ideas have been sent directly to him.
 - ii. We are officially moving forward with having a site in Phoenix for next summer's meeting.
 - iii. Jeff was concerned that with the expansion of the meeting length there may be a need to increase the budget to cover the expenses for the meeting to cover speaker expenses and travel.
 - iv. Rick suggests that PEC should try to recruit speakers from the Phoenix area as we are having both meetings here we should avoid having to spend money on travel and hotels. We should especially consider keeping travel expenses low when we are adjusting our schedule, format and location and have not had a good level of sponsorships at recent meetings.

VI. New Business

- A. Governor taking funds from different boards to help balance the budget.
 - i. In '08 legislative session they were facing a big short-fall in the budget for the coming years. In order to solve the problem for '08-'09 they went into every state agency that had any reserve money and took it away. This was the governor's idea, but the legislation went along with it.
 - 1. Our board had a surplus of about enough money to cover a year's worth of expenses. While our annual collected fees will cover basic operating expenses, it does not cover contingences. For instance if they ever have to do a major investigation that is what the reserve money would be used for.
 - 2. Several farming agencies that had money taken away have already brought a suit forward regarding this issue.
 - 3. The state Pharmacy board wants to follow develop a similar lawsuit and wants to bring a lot of physician groups together. Susie suggested that we consider joining in with these groups, and this would be an opportunity to gain some political capital with those physician groups for 2010.
 - a. There would not be any attorney fees because the attorney for the Pharmacy board is going to donate his time. The only costs would be court filing fees, subpoena fees etc. This would be about 10-20K which would be spread out over the groups and it would be spread based on the size of the group. As a small group we would likely not have to pay a large fee.
 - b. Rick feels it's a good opportunity for us to make some friends in that area that will help us in 2010.
 - 4. Chris asks that if any board members have any concerns about the athletic training board getting involved with this to let him know prior to October 15th.
 - 5. Rick notes that there was a big article in Friday's paper in the fact that the governor was already talking about having a special session with legislators to figure out how to rectify budget problems and is already looking at pulling money from state agencies again.
 - B. Chris notes that he would like to see at that all board members are involved in some way even if it is small of any of the elected officials. Be sure to let John know what you do so that he can document athletic trainer involvement in political campaigns.
 - C. New Registration Program (Scott)
 - i. Scott notes that he isn't sure if the new program he is using is the best one that is available as he hasn't had good success in communicating with them. He notes that there is no start up fee, but for all registrations they take \$3 and is not clear as to if that includes or is on top of credit card fees. He has also not been able to get a straight answer as to what our discount is as a former SPORG member.
 - ii. He notes that it is not going to be possible to piggy back off of the system and membership that the district is using.
 - iii. December 1st is a goal to have the registration open for the February meeting.
 - D. Scott will send out last year's budget for each committee and what they have spent. Rick requests that he also send materials out with the information regarding meeting expenses.
- VII. Tentative next board meeting will be on Sunday November 9th at 10:00am for the budget meeting.
- A. Chris requests that everyone send the information regarding the budget meeting to their committee chairs as soon as possible and suggest that they all attend the meeting if possible.
- VIII. Becky motions to adjourn the meeting. Matt seconds. Motion passes 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.